

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus for a user to call predatory game animals through inhaling, said apparatus comprising:

5 a mouthpiece member having a first end and a second end with said first end defining an aperture for fluidly communicating with a mouth of the user such that the user can inhale therethrough;

a reed assembly disposed within said mouthpiece member at said second end, said reed assembly comprising a reed having a working end opposite said aperture of
10 said mouthpiece member that vibrates as air is drawn across said working end to produce a tone upon inhalation by the user through said aperture, wherein said reed assembly is free of grooves and O-rings that modify the tone produced by the reed assembly; and

an amplification member operatively connected to said mouthpiece member to completely enclose said working end of said reed for amplifying the tone produce by the
15 reed assembly.

2. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said amplification member defines an amplification chamber and said working end of said reed extends at least partially into said amplification chamber.

3. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said
20 reed assembly further comprises a support member that is hollow and that includes an end and an extension extending from said end that terminates in a peripheral lip for supporting said reed.

4. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 3 wherein said reed is disposed on said extension of said support member thereby establishing a cavity between said reed, said peripheral lip, and said extension that enables the air to be drawn across said working end of said reed.

5 5. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 4 wherein an edge of said reed is crimped about said peripheral lip to secure said reed to said support member.

6. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 3 wherein said reed assembly further comprises an annular sleeve defining a hole and said end of said support member is disposed in said hole to align said reed with said aperture of said mouthpiece member for maximizing an effectiveness of said reed.

7. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 4 wherein said annular sleeve has an outer diameter and said mouthpiece member has an inner diameter with said outer diameter of said annular sleeve mating with said inner diameter of said mouthpiece member such that said reed assembly can be press fit into said mouthpiece member.

8. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said reed is further defined as a brass reed.

9. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said reed is further defined as a stainless steel reed.

10. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said reed is further defined as a mylar reed.

11. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said mouthpiece member is adapted to be directly inserted into the mouth of the user.

12. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said second end of said mouthpiece member is disposed within said amplification member.

5 13. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 12 wherein said amplification member comprises at least one nipple circumferentially disposed about an internal wall of said amplification member for abutting said second end of said mouthpiece member upon disposition of said second end of said mouthpiece member into said amplification member.

10 14. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said amplification member comprises a proximal end and a distal end, said proximal end engaging said second end of said mouthpiece member, wherein a circumference of said amplification member increases from said proximal end to said distal end.

15 15. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 further comprising an eyelet extending from one of said mouthpiece member and said amplification member for receiving a lanyard used to secure said freeze-proof, game call apparatus about a neck of the user.

16. A freeze-proof, game call apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said reed has a thickness ranging from 0.002 to 0.07 inches.